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1. THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR REFERENCED MESSAGE. IT CAME IN
HANDY SATURDAY MORNING WHEN I MET BARTHA AT BERECHZ' FAREWELL.

2. BARTHA SAID HE HAD RECEIVED THE SAME INFORMATION FROM THE
HUNGARIAN EMBASSY. HE IS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE MEETING WILL
PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK RATHER THAN WASHINGTON, BUT
UNDERSTANDS THE REASON. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE GOH REGARDS
PUJA'S VISIT AS A PROTOCOL STEP UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH
THE SECRETARY AT UN MEETINGS. PUJA, THEREFORE, WANTS HIS TALK
TO CONCENTRATE ON BILATERAL AND APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ISSUES,
NOT ON UN SUBJECTS. IF YOU COULD BRIEF THE SECRETARY ACCORD-
INGLY, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, A REVIEW
OF BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THEIR MEETING IN JANUARY (TRADE
AGREEMENT AND BERECHZ VISIT PRINCIPALLY) AND MULTILATERAL
EVENTS (CLOSING OF BELGRADE CONFERENCE) WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.
PUJA ALSO HIGHLY APPRECIATES BRIEFINGS ON SUCH ISSUES AS
SALT AND THE MIDDLE EAST. FINALLY, THE SECRETARY MAY WISH TO
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EXPRESS HIS SATISFACTION AT RESOLUTION OF THE HARSAY CASE,
IN WHICH HE TOOK A PERSONAL INTEREST. WE GAVE THE THREE CHILD-
REN THEIR VISAS MAY 12 AND THEY WILL JOIN THEIR PARENTS IN NEW
YOUR MAY 19.

3. ON BERECHZ: THANKS AGAIN FOR THE HARD WORK AND EXCELLENT
SCHEDULE. THE ONLY HITCH I SEE IS THAT BERECHZ IS CARRYING WITH

HIM THE TEXT OF WHAT HE THINKS IS AN INNOVATIVE SPEECH, AND HE DOES NOT HAVE THE BEST FORUM TO DELIVER IT IN. ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT HE HAS HINTED HE WANTS TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR A KADAR VISIT AND MAY WELL RAISE THIS WITH NIMETZ, LAKE, VEST OR LUERS. WE TRUST YOU CAN FIELD THIS HOT POTATO. BERECH MET WITH KADAR FOR FIFTY MINUTES JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE U.S.

4. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CARL'S VISIT. HE HAS A GOOD PROGRAM, WILL MEET SOME GOOD PEOPLE, AND WILL HEAR SOME INTERESTING THINGS, I THINK.
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